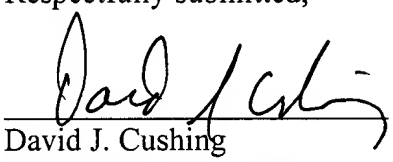
REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following section headings were added:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the heading:

Background of the Invention

Page 2, before the paragraph beginning "In the context", please insert the heading:

Summary of the Invention

Page 3, before the first full paragraph beginning with "Other features" please insert the heading:

Brief Description of the Drawings

before the fifth (full) paragraph beginning with "The method according" please insert the heading:

Detailed Description of the Invention

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended)A method according to ~~either~~ claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, characterized in that if a terminal sends during a give time period (70), that period is uninterrupted.

4. (Amended)The use of the method according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 in a telecommunication system in which the terminals (16, 18) communicate with the station (2) via a satellite, for example a non-geosynchronous satellite.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

The abstract is changed as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~AN ATM TELECOMMUNICATION METHOD IN WHICH TERMINALS SEND TO THE SAME STATION~~

The invention relates to an asynchronous transfer mope method of transmitting digital signals in which terminals (16, 18) send to the same station (20). Calls are transmitted by cells (40, 42, 44, 46), the terminals send successively in separate periods (60, 62, 46, 66; 70, 72, 74), and each cell is assigned at least two orthogonal codes (C1, C2, C3, C4). In accordance with the invention, the duration of the period during which each terminal sends and/or the number of codes assigned to each terminal and/or the number of symbols assigned a particular code in a terminal can be selected on each sending as a function of a particular power level (80).